

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
Saturday, March 3, 1984
Palo Alto, California

The meeting opened with worship at 9:30 a.m., Robert Vogel, Presiding Clerk, Anne Friend, Recording Clerk, Jeanette Norton, Assistant Clerk. Attending Friends introduced themselves, giving their names and functions.

The agenda was revised and approved.

As minutes of the Representative Committee are now approved by the Yearly Meeting before it closes, the item on approval of minutes was deleted from this and future agendas.

The following Friends were suggested to serve on the Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee:

Lowell Tozer

Mary Miche

Robert Schutz

This item was laid over for approval at the 7:00 p.m. session.

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Micki Graham-Newlin reported that there will be great variety in facilities, though there may be some difficulty in getting around. A copy of the suggested contract terms is attached. There are three major problems:

1. There are not enough tables and chairs for all our uses; tables for non-eating uses are not available, and it will not be practical to move chairs from area to area.
2. Portable toilets will be needed.
3. Transportation around the loop will be needed on a regular basis.

REPCOM 84-1 Friends approved getting tables, chairs and toilets and providing a vehicle for regular on-site transportation, leaving details to the committee.

PYM YOUNG FRIENDS

Paul Schneider stated that a current major interest of Young Friends is helping the Third World Young Friends to the International gathering. They have raised \$500.00 toward this program and ask PYM for support also. PYM is entitled to three representatives. The amount requested from PYM is \$1000.00 per representative for a total of \$3000.00. The Finance Committee is considering ways of raising these funds. There was considerable favorable discussion in Representative Committee. The proposal will be commended to the careful attention of the Yearly Meeting.

PYM Young Friends are currently involved in self-examination; feeling conflicts in the needs to be full participants in Yearly Meeting activities; to share in their own community; and to provide a "transition area" for maturing Jr. Friends.

JUNIOR FRIENDS

Jack Hunter, Jr. Friends advisor, introduced Susu Cowan, one of the Jr. Friends Clerks, who presented plans for Jr. Friends programs at PYM and asked for suggestions. They plan several discussion groups, expect to have their own worship-sharing groups, and will provide a tent or other space as a Jr. Friends lounge.

Catherine Perry and Benjamin Cole have been asked to be advisors for Jr. High Friends. There are still opportunities for Friends who would like to be advisors to the Sr. High Friends.

Lloyd and Mary Margaret Bailey were introduced as our Brinton visitors and Friends in the Orient who returned their travel minute with endorsements from Friends bodies around the world.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Marilyn Eusebio reported on plans for the children's program at PYM. The following suggestions were made for increasing involvement of worship-fellowship groups with the childrens' program:

1. Several groups could take turns holding their usual meeting in the infants' room.
2. About 25 adults could select worship-fellowship groups with pre-school children on a one to one ratio.
3. Worship-fellowship groups could volunteer to meet twice with with a group of six to eleven year old children.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SECRETARIAT

Jeanette Norton presented the report in the absence of Hermione Baker. The committee recommends (1) that we continue to have the secretariat function as in the past; (2) that we have 1984 as a transition year; going to paid staff; but using two experienced and one new person and (3) experimenting with other equipment; including computers. The staff would be independent contractors to be compensated at \$400.00 plus room and board per person and PYM committees will be asked to bring as much prepared material as possible to the Yearly Meeting session.

REPCOM 84-2 Friends approved the proposals for the 1984 session, also uniting in a concern that we consider the extent to which we allow paperwork to replace self-discipline in our corporate life.

The committee also recommends a new standing committee to oversee the secretariat with the Assistant Clerk as an ex officio member and three appointed members. The committee would find, hire and oversee the staff, supervise the work of the secretariat, and monitor use of the secretariat, giving special attention to finding ways of reducing our dependency on circulated paper.

REPCOM 84-3 The meeting approved. The Nominating Committee will present proposed names to the Yearly Meeting for approval in July.

The morning session adjourned at 12:40 p. m. with a moment of silence.

The afternoon session opened with silent worship.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

Jan Tappan presented the report, which makes the following recommendations:

1. PYM archives should be sent to Whittier College.
2. Monthly and Quarterly Meetings should be informed that Whittier College will accept their archival material
3. An ad hoc Committee on records and history should be established to serve until its work is done.

REPCOM 84-4 The meeting approved the recommendations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Virginia Croninger presented the attached statement for the treasurers.

Walter Jones reported that the Committee makes the following recommendations for changes in the 1982-3 budget:

1. Add \$600.00 for the Committee on East West Relations.
2. Increase the Friends World Committee, Section of the Americas by \$500.00
3. Take money from reserves to cover items 1 and 2.

REPCOM 84-5 Friends approved the above recommendations.

The clerk read a letter from Ellie Foster, regretting her inability to attend the meeting.

Jack LeShevka reported on progress in seasoning the concern that PYM join both Friends United Meetings and Friends General Conference. There will be an interest group at PYM on this topic.

Lowell Tozer will not be available to serve on the Committee to Davenport as alternate.

SOCIAL ORDER

Nancy Springer-Newlin reported that as a result of the special study on racism, sexism and the crisis in human needs, the Committee will also sponsor interest groups on domestic violence and on economic justice.

STATISTICS

John Draper reminded representatives that May 31 is the closing date for the statistical year. The Assistant Clerk reported on response to the statistical concern included with the agenda for this meeting regarding having all Monthly Meetings change officers at the same time each year with April recommended. All meetings which had discussed the matter agreed, although some could not do it until 1985.

REPCOM 84-6 The meeting approved asking all Monthly Meetings to approve their Nominating Committee reports in April each year, beginning in 1985, with discussion and final approval of the report to be at the July, 1984 PYM session.

Kay Larsen reported on a variety of Friends' activities in Hawaii.

Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting brought information from Ben Lomond Quaker Center that it is open to visitors, committee meetings and other activities July 6-8, 1984 (letter attached).

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Madge Seaver reported that although things have been difficult during the change to a uniform renewal date, but the Bulletin is expected to finish the year in the black.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Joan Fasken reported in the absence of Paul Johnson who is ill. The ongoing theme for Quarterly Meetings this year has been, "Are we still the Religious Society of Friends?" and discussion has been fruitful.

Margaret Mossman reported on a number of activities in College Park Quarter. Friends Association Serving the Elderly is beginning to open its residential facilities and there is a new worship group in the San Joaquin Valley.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Leona Harvey reported for the committee, which has been involved in a variety of activities. It feels these activities should be reported in the Bulletin.

REPCOM 84-9 Recommendations were made for use of the interest from the PYM peace tax fund. The meeting approved having the Yearly Meeting clerk write the appropriate authorities, including the IRS about the existence and purpose of this fund.

The committee proposed interest groups on sanctuary, Central American issues, FCNL, and the Middle East.

The Yearly Meeting clerk reported on progress in attempting to meet with the president of the University of California as directed by the vice-president, William Fraser and feel it was a productive meeting. However, the president is still reluctant to meet with these Friends. The sense of the meeting is that we cannot lay the concern down and is encouraging the clerk to respond to the president's letter.

The committee recommends that an FCNL representative serve on the Peace Committee and that the FCL representative serve on the Social Order Committee.

REPCOM 84-10 The meeting approved designating one FCNL representative as an ex officio member of the Peace Committee and asking the FCNL representatives to select one of their number to meet with the committee.

Santa Cruz also brought a request from the Childrens' Creative Response to Conflict for permission to send a mailing to PYM members and attenders. The Center is asked to direct the request to the Quarterly Meetings which publish the directories.

DISCIPLINE

Pegge Lacey reported that the Committee has met anumber of times and the new discipline is in the final stages of preparation. The new edition will not be available as 1984 PYM souverirs, but it will be ready for Christmas gifts that year.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Robert Young reported that the Committee met in December as well as in March. There have been many requests for use of the fund for concerns and a subcommittee has been appointed to assist Monthly Meetings and individuals in using the appropriate procedure for seasoning concerns.

The committee will not use time at a plenary session in July, but it is asking that the meeting for memorials be extended to one and a half hours.

The Brinton visitors are travelling in Southern California and College Park Quarterly Meetings in March and April.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There was no reoprt, as the committee has not met for some time. The Clerk has been ill and the Committee on Ministry and Oversight was asked to contact the clerk and to take whatever action seems appropriate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert Jolly reported that the committee makes the following

- Jim Thomas AFSC Representative
- Joe Magruder PYM Registrar
- JoAnn Magruder PYM Registrar
- Margaret Mossman Recording Clerk

REPCOM 84-7 The meeting approved the nominations.

REPCOM 84-8 Because the clerk of the Peace Committee cannot serve the balance of her term, the meeting approved asking the committee to appoint someone to serve as clerk through July, 1984, as way opens.

The meeting felt that an ex officio member should not be added to the Social Order Committee until the committee has had an opportunity to discuss the recommendation. However there was general agreement that representatives to organizations working in areas related to committee concerns should regularly be invited to attend meetings of the appropriate committees. It was noted that PYM does not have a representative to FCL at this time.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

Herbert Foster presented a reader on USA-USSR relations prepared by the committee. The committee has done considerable investigation and can recommend a variety of other resources. Communications with the Soviet government have not resulted in an invitation to visit the USSR. However, new proposals will be made suggesting visits with a more specific focus. There have also been proposals to attempt to work with USSR representatives in other ways, such as visitations at embassies. The committee asked for re-affirmation of its authority to speak for PYM if or when communication is established. Friends felt that such a statement would be premature until more specific information is available and some Friends questioned whether Representative Committee is the appropriate body to act on such a request.

After a time of worship, the session adjourned.

The evening session opened with worship.

Joan Fasken introduced Clara Hurn, FWCC Field Representative for the Far West region. Clara spoke of her work in the past few months, encouraging us to value the differences of other bodies of Friends as we explore what we have in common with them.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Rose Lewis informed Friends about recent activities of the committee:

- sponsorship of a visit from a cooperative community in India
- participation in a gathering on Korean unification
- coordinating travel of two Chinese doctors long associated with Friends

- publication of the newsletter, Windows
- planning an interest group for PYM

Rose then re-introduced Mary Margaret and Lloyd Bailey, who spoke of their experience in Korea with great effect on those present.

REPCOM 84-11 The meeting approved Robert Schutz, Mary Miche, Eric Moon and Anne Davenport, alternate, to serve on the Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee. The clerk indicated that Robert Schutz will convene the committee.

SITE COMMITTEE

Marie Schutz presented a fascinating study the committee has done on fantasies of a permanent site. A copy of the tentative dream is attached.

Joe Magruder, 1984 Registrar, reported on costs and rates set for the 1984 PYM session. Some Friends expressed concern about the subsidized camping option and the fact that Monthly Meetings will not first be involved before a subsidy is requested.

REPCOM 84-12 Friends approved the rate structure.

Jeanette Norton presented the tentative report of the Agenda Review Committee. She began by reviewing the evaluations from the August, 1983, session. The tentative schedule was presented and discussed.

The meeting adjourned, to meet again at La Honda, California, July 8, 1984, as way opens.